Midsummer is no time to hold a conference. All the enthusiasm we might kindle would be sweated out in a week. September will be amply early. And the program should not be out more than six weeks or it will be neglected.

Brethren do let us have peace on the name subject. The discussion has been too purile for any use. From the time it began by anticipating the work of Annual Meeting up to the present, the whole harangue was a waste of funds, patience and energy. Turn your pens unto virtue consecration and the higher Christian life and much more will be accomplished for Christ and his cause.

To the close observer it is apparent that the "Brethren church" is no on a fair way to success as an organization. She has about past the renovating point, and what is left is solid sinew and bone, containing git and grit.

Some months ago a storm might have stranded her, but now no tempest, however great, could sink our craft. When Jesus takes the helm there is no need of fear. He who spoke "Peace be still" to the winds, can succor his cause in adversity and multiply it in success. Although men fall and trouble comes, yet these very adversities Christ uses to glorify his name, thereby driving men closer to him.

Though we as a people have suffered much from adversities, yet we are about through and will be all the stronger for the experience. To come up through tribulation will add permanence to our church.

"God is our refuge, on our side;
Our fortress strong, in trouble tried;
Our very present aid.
Though earth convulsed and changed should be.
The mountains sink in depths of sea,
We will not be dismayed.
Yea though the waters tumult make,
And mountains with their swelling shake,
Yet this our song shall be—
The Lord of Hosts is on our side,
In Israel's God we will confide,
Our strong, high tower is He."

E. L. HILDEBRAND.

Chronicles.

From Bryan, Ohio, I went to College Corner, Ind., on the 29th, ult., to fill the appointment for the previous Sunday, (that being the regular time for meeting at College) but it rained all day and evening, so there was no meeting said evening, but we had a good congregation the evening of the 28th. On the 29th we went out by the river-side where prayer is wont to be made (for we often go there to baptize) and baptized five penitent believers, these were of those who came out and confessed the Lord during the late revival at that place. The Brethren church is taking the lead decidedly at College. Many of the accessions are proselytes from other churches. In fact the Brethren are making nearly a clean sweep at College.

On the 30th, Bro. and Sister Kurts took me over to the old home place, near Roann, where I spent my boyhood days, and where the New Enterprise church was to be dedicated the next day, July the 1st. We stopped over night with Bro. Hez. Tombaugh, who owns the old homestead, who is my half brother in the flesh and my whole brother in the Lord. Near the time appointed for the services we walked out to the new edifice, a distance of about 80 rods, and were surprised to see the multitudes of people standing about the house and sitting in buggies and wagons, but still more surprised to find it difficult to get into the house at all for the crowd within. Here I had the privilege of meeting many of my old friends and neighbors, and to say the least, we had a splendid good time. Held services in the evening. Bro. R. K. Binkley being present we pressed him in to the work. He spoke well. At the close we gave an invitation, and one came out to dedicate himself to the Lord. Went home on Monday the 2nd, and remained with wife and the little folks until afternoon of the 4th, then returned to New Enterprise, having left appointments for the evenings of 4th and 5th, to be filled on my way to Prattville, Mich., but it lightninged and threatened storm so that the house was not opened at all that evening, but we had a good congregation the following evening, and another one came out on the Lord's side. At the request of a number of our old friends and neighbors we completed arrangements to hold a series of meetings here, beginning the 11th of August.

Bro. Binkley will take my work at Bryan and Kunkle, Ohio, and Prattville, Michigan, while I try to tell the "old, old story of Jesus and his glory" at New Enterprise, Ind.

On the 6th, Bro. Binkley took me, with his pony team, to North Manchester, where we lodged with Brother and Sister Summers. Next morning, bright and early, while Binkley, Summers and the family were yet sweetly sleeping, I got up carefully, and went to the depot, and took the first east bound train for Prattville, and although I missed connection at Alverelton and had therefore to stop over several hours, I got to Prattville in good time for the evening service. Here one came out to work for Jesus. Met again the the following day and told the folks the object of Christian baptism, and how to perform it, etc., and gave another invitation and another responded, then we went out by the beautiful sparkling water-lake side and prayed and baptized and consecrated these two sisters, and there was growling without, but rejoicing within the camp of Israel. More anon.

J. H. SWIHART.

Trans Missouri Flashes.

Human nature is about the same.

One Sunday is too hot to attend church, and the next Sunday too cold, and the next too damp, and the next too headachy, and often something is the matter with the fifth Sunday of the month.

"The wise shall understand" is just as true today as it was in Daniel's time.

Hope the western (I mean Kan., Mo. and Neb.) brethren will be able to place Bashor, DeBolt, or some other able man in the evangelistic field. God knows we need a stirring up.

Talmage preached a good sermon on the text, "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light," but he did not make all the appropriate applications the text supplies.

Will some one inform me how "wisdom is justified of her children?"

Our time of service ministerially, expiring here at Montana and at Adrian, Mo., on October 1st, we think some of making a tour of the more eastern states about or soon after that time.

Wonder whether Mohler, Eby, Wise, etc., will be able to finally dispose of the vexed (from a G. B. standpoint) divorce issue? To our mind, the Saviour's disposal of it is sufficiently plain and thorough. O that men would let good enough alone.

Dear reader, let theories go for what they are worth, and you just stick to the plain, unvarnished and unshorn facts of the Good Book, and you'll be all right.

Will some one tell us how it is possible to love an enemy and yet be ready to shoot him? Is it at all possible?

Recently, in a conversation with a gentleman on the subject of faith we soon learned that he had more faith in his feelings than he had in God. He said he didn't feel that it was necessary to be baptized. Every impartial Bible reader knows that God says it is.

Faith in God recognizes God's authority. It means unlimited trust in God.

We should take God's word in preference to our own feelings, opinions or judgment.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Montana, Kan.

Montevallo, Mo.

The communion is in the past and was a solemn and joyful season. There were about twenty-eight communicants seated around the Lord's table, and the greatest number of them were young and some of them who never had participated in a Lord's supper and the symbols of the Lord's body before. The feast was celebrated in the Walnut Grove school house and the house was crowded with attentive spectators and many were outside of the house. We never witnessed such a respectable and attentive audience. We are inclined to think that the service pertaining to the Lord's supper, in its true sense is official and requires order, as much so as possible, and those who are seated at the table are greater than those that serve. We do not feel disposed to impose the reciprocal mode upon any part of the congregation. We are positive that the Lord and Master gave no precept that would conflict with his example. "The servant is not greater than his Lord," and if not, follow the precept and example. We have no inclination to follow the order of the day, but to be followers of the Lord and keep the ordinances as they were delivered unto us by him.

S. A. LEEDY.

Philadelphia Penna.

I came here April 26th, for treatment, as my sufferings were intense. Since then I have been on the third story of this fine institution for invalids, and those desiring to be restored to health. My sufferings have been intense at times, but the Lord has been very gracious to me, and my physicians have good hope of my recovery. I know not how much longer I will have to remain here, but the Lord knows, and that is enough. Those of like precious faith, who live in the city, have been very kind to me and have visited me. Lovely boquets have been sent me, papers, cards, and tracts have been given and sent me, prayers have been offered in my behalf. The Lord be blessed for it all, and many thanks to the kind donors.

I trust the Lord will still continue to bless the labors set forth in my behalf, and that I may be restored to a reasonable degree of health. "My grace is sufficient saith the Lord."

EMILY STIFLER.

Something In Particular.

I have prepared an outline of my tract work which will appear in due time. I have completed after much labor, and secured plates after much time, trouble and money, for

THE STORY OF JESUS.

A description of which appears elsewhere. This book fills a place no other book fills. As far as I know there is not a book in the United States containing seventeen illustrations, and selling for 10 cents, on the subject this book is on. The illustrated circulars have called forth testimonials from good men, and I am confident there ought to be sold one hundred thousand copies, and if I live it will be done. I am going to devote this book to church work. Now I want every man and woman who owes the Tract Society to send the amount due by return mail. I have waited on some a long time. They have disappointed me time after time, and to some extent have crippled me. I have stood it about as long as I intend to, and hence I ask these brethren to hand me the amount, so I can complete this work. A description of the book is found elsewhere. Address, The Tract Society.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

OUR CHURCH.

Now is the time to prepare matter for the Annual.

Bro. P. J. Brown's article, in compliance to the Ohio Convention, will be found in another part of this paper.

If you know of changes in the ministerial list, which should be made, attend to it now, and send your corrections along.

Bro. V. E. Wampler, S. E. Shook and C. E. Deffenbaugh were here last Saturday, in the interests of the College.

Many of our readers will be interested in knowing that sister Lottie Holsinger has named her daughter, born June 23rd, Hermenia Marie Holsinger.

The church at Johnstown, by a unanimous voice, has invited the State Conference of the Brethren church, to convene in conjunction with the Sabbath school convention.

The Executive Committee of the Pa. Sabbath school Convention is now engaged in preparing a program. It is probable that the Convention will be held near the last of September.

A change in the order of church service was made here at Ashland last Lord's day, and the next meeting will be on the 29th of July, and every two weeks thereafter until further notice.

If you are a new minister in the Brethren Church, send your name and address along now. Do not suppose that we have an omnipresent memory. The thousand details of our business, is a greater drain upon our memory than the cares of a thousand individuals who might be found, and it is impossible to attend to your business and ours too. Send in your name and instructions if your name is not already in the Annual list.

Bro. Bashor wrote on the 14th: Closed at Wilsey, Kansas, last night with a full house and two confessions. The interest throughout the community was general and though gospel doctrine "as understood by the Brethren," had neven been fully preached here before. These meetings have a large portion of the people intellectual adherents to the faith. One week's continuance of the meetings would have resulted, I am sure in general ingathering. But my engagement at Sabetha takes me away. This is a good country, and full of most intelligent and excellent people.

WILSEY, KAN., July 12, '88.—We have a few members living in and around this place, for whom I am preaching a few doctrinal sermons, during the evenings of the present week. As my visit is one partly of business and is necessarily short, the time is too limited to expect a revival. Though people are in the midst of a harvest our meetings are largely attended. The people are inquiring the way of truth. Could the services continue a week or ten day the indications are for a general revival and ingathering. As it is we can only plant the seed and reap the harvest by and by. I begin at Sabetha on the coming Sunday. This is one of the finest countries in the West.

S. H. BASHOR.

The following clipping is from the Roann (Ind.) Clarion:

Last Saturday was a day long to be remembered by the good people living in the neighborhood of the New Enterprise church, it being the day set apart for the dedication of the church. The morning dawned bright and beautiful and all nature seemed to smile and be glad. The time for meeting was set at 10 a. m., but long before that time, the highways leading toward the church were crowded with the best people of the surrounding country all pressing toward the new temple of worship. The house was soon full to overflowing and at the time the meeting was to commence, fully fifteen hundred people had gathered. The larger portion could not get seats or even standing room in the house. The Rev. Jonathan Swihart preached a master sermon which made a good impression. The church building is a fine brick structure. The walls and ceiling are tastefully decorated. The entire community has been deeply interested in the building of this church and no time or pains has been spared to make it the most pleasant church house in all this country. All honor is due Hez Tombaugh, Andrew Yarian and Geo. Tombaugh, the trustees, for their untiring efforts in behalf of this enterprise. Near the church is a neat kept cemetery where the silent dead rest from their labors, awaiting the last great day, when they again shall see the light.

The Annual Convention of the Ohio Christian Alliance.

In the four-fold Gospel: JESUS CHRIST—Our Savior, Our Sanctifier, Our Healer and Coming Lord, will be held at Linwood Park, Vermillion, Erie Co., Ohio, July 28th–Aug. 6th, ten days. The time will be so divided that each of the above-named subjects will be duly discussed. Rev. A. B. Simpson, Rev. Charles Ryder, Miss Carrie Judd, Major Chamberlain and other noted speakers will be present and take part in the exercises. All are invited to meet with the assembly of the Lord's people on that occasion for quiet rest and spiritual refreshing. Ask your station agent for reduced railroad fare.

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